

The Memorial Voice

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School Uniforms – Fab or Drab?

By: Tabrianna Harden

“Why fit in when you were born to stand out?” – Dr. Seuss

This well-known Dr. Seuss quote applies to many circumstances, including the Millville Public School District's proposal for school uniforms. Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Pamela Moore, posted an online survey on the district's website in May asking for input on a uniform policy from parents, teachers, staff, and students. A uniform policy, if adopted, would be for the 2015-2016 school year. No students are really excited about it and that's because it's a bad idea.

Many students would feel uneasy and uncomfortable in a school uniform. When asked for one word to describe uniforms, students at Memorial responded: Terrible. Unoriginal. Annoying. Sucks. Unnecessary. Uncomfortable. Unfair. Not me.

Uniforms restrict students' self-expression. It prevents our ability to

show personality with our outfit choices. No one will be original or feel unique because they will be the same as everyone else. In elementary school, they always stressed the many Dr. Seuss lessons on being different, because the moral is meaningful.

“I feel that the clothes we wear express our fashion and give us the personality we have today,” says freshman, Courtney McMahon.

Certain people may think that school uniforms will improve the academic and social life of students in school, but clothing doesn't restrict academic growth. The way we learn and our school environment does.

“I learn best in what I'm most comfortable in, and that's not a uniform,” says freshman, Jenna Bogan.

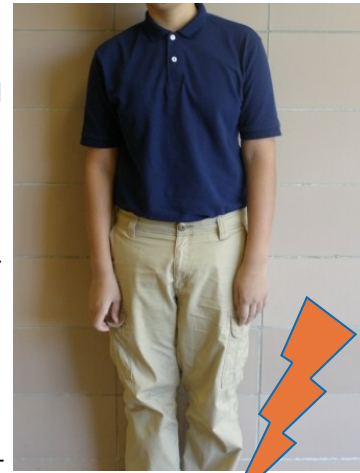
Students are outraged with the lack of consent they were offered in this decision.

“The whole point of school is to come and learn and not to worry about what you're going to wear. Why would

you force someone to come to school uncomfortable? Everyone has their own style,” says freshman, Cassidy Read.

Some also support uniforms because they think this would be financially easier for families. It really isn't. Khaki pants can be expensive. Finding uniforms to purchase can also cause difficulties. Many area school districts require uniforms; everyone is going to have to hunt for polos and pants. This could make getting uniforms difficult.

Uniforms are a bad idea because it's a burden on students and their families.



We Made It!!

By: Zharia Young

As the end of the year creeps up and finals are upon us, you have plenty of emotions running through your body, such as excitement and fear. It's been a long year; we've met friends, lost friends, learned some new things, and hopefully taught someone else something worth remembering.

If you studied and paid attention you should pass this year with flying colors. After school is done you still have to consider, “What will I do this summer?” Most of the students at Memorial aren't old enough to work, but might still want to make some spending mon-



ey. An alternative to getting hired at the mall or restaurant could be a group car wash. You and a couple of friends can get together and wash cars or even sell lemonade.

Picking up a hobby is also something you can do to make time fly this summer. Learn to play a musical instrument. Take up singing. Learn to dance. Or, if you're already a dancer,

learn different styles such as ballet, jazz, tap, or modern.

If those options don't sound appealing, think about developing your artistic skills. Practice drawing, painting, sculpting, or whatever else inspires you! Take-up photography. Write stories, poems, plays, or jokes.

You can also consider hitting up local events. Most areas host fairs, festivals, carnivals, or other fun events during the summer. You might even sign-up to volunteer or work at a local festival. Look on your town's calendar to see what's coming up.

Most importantly, have a safe, fun summer.

Never Give Up

By: Natalie McCarthy

Someone very wise once told me, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” At first I thought it was stupid, but now I realize it probably was the best advice anyone could ever give me. I hope it’ll inspire you just like it did me.

If it weren’t for the haters that told me I would never achieve anything, that I wasn’t pretty, or that I wasn’t smart, I’d be nowhere. You see, no matter what they have ever thrown my way I’ve always done my best to show them how wrong they

actually were. So here are a few tips that may help you.

1. Have faith in yourself and trust in your decisions. If you know in your heart it’s right, go for it.
2. Don’t worry about the haters because haters make us famous.
3. Always trust yourself – it’s the best thing you may ever do.
4. Make your dreams become a reality by working for it.
5. NEVER EVER give up because



when you achieve your goal you’ll never regret it.

My point: If you want something to happen make it happen. Be the change. You are too good to give up what you want. Never ever give up.

Be the Change Club

Staff Report

During the week of April 28th, Memorial High School’s Be the Change Club sold candy grams and thank you cards during lunches. The goal was to encourage students to say “thank you” to friends, teachers, and staff that have helped them throughout the school year.

The club challenged students to take a pledge to be leaders in the anti-bullying movement by placing a handprint as their pledge on the cafeteria wall. Memorial students also wrote their names on a chain link to show school unity. When combined, the chain links spanned almost the entire wall of the cafeteria.



Be the Change Club members and advisors.



Students pledge to be leaders in the anti-bullying movement. FROM TOP LEFT: Taziah Sapp, Jamesha Johnson, TeAsia Williams-Ortiz, and Amber Zeak.

Summertime Sadness Cures

By: Brooke Nichols

Whether you're a freshmen or a junior, you have experienced the boringness of long, hot summer days. Summer is full of concerts, swimming, and friends, but some days all there is to do is sit at home in your boring house with your boring dog and watch boring television shows.

There are many cures for those lonely summer days. You can call a friend and make plans to hang out! Your friends don't have to make the first move! Invite them over to watch a movie or to work on summer work together. Instead of being bored alone, you can be bored together!

Students all know from experience that going out means needing money. You should make sure that you have money saved for the summer! This will make it easier to make plans to go to the movies or make a lunch date. You can also text a family member to see if they will take you to the beach or boardwalk. Text your grandmother or your favorite aunt and ask if they have any plans. Remember not everyone works during the summer, and there are plenty of people to hang out with.

Every student in the history of high school HATES summer work. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors all have the stress of hours and

hours of work to do during the summer.

Even though summer work is the worst, it's better than sitting on your bed doing absolutely nothing. If you have nowhere left to turn, why not do some summer work? The more you get done while you're doing nothing, the more time you will have to do fun stuff!

Decide before school ends that you don't want to have a worthless summer. Make plans ahead of time! Prepare to have fun! Enjoy the sun!



Add This to Your Summer Reading List—From Goodreads

Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea

APRIL GENEVIEVE TUCHOLKE

"You stop fearing the devil when you're holding his hand..."



Nothing much exciting rolls through Violet White's sleepy, seaside town... until River West comes along. River rents the guest house behind Violet's crumbling estate, and as eerie, grim things start to happen, Violet begins to wonder about the boy living in her backyard.

Is River just a crooked-smiling liar with pretty eyes and a mysterious past? Or could he be something more?

Violet's grandmother always warned her about the Devil, but she never said he could be a dark-haired boy who takes naps in the sun, who likes coffee, who kisses you in a cemetery... who makes you want to kiss back.

Violet's already so knee-deep in love, she can't see straight. And that's just how River likes it."

-goodreads.com



3RD ANNUAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL HUNGER GAMES

2014 Hunger Games

320 Memorial High School students participated in the 2014 Hunger Games at Wheaton Field on Thursday, May 22, 2014.

Students with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and with outstanding behavior records were invited to join one of twelve districts to participate in the day-long event of physical and mental challenges.

District 4, lead by mentor Tim Kelley, took first place at the competition. Districts 9 and 3 took second and third place.

May the odds be ever in your favor!





Meet Your Sophomore Class Officers for 2014-2015



The Class of 2017 elected their sophomore class officers in May. FROM LEFT: Natalie McCarthy, secretary; Alexandria Dionisi, vice-president; and Curtis Matias, president.



Class of 2017

2014 Yearbooks
are now available!!



Yearbooks are **ALL** color and only \$25

See Mrs. Errickson in
Tech Lab 2 for your copy
TODAY!!!



Summer Lessons
for any band instrument
at the Senior High

For more information see
Ms. Zeiters in C-200
or the Memorial Auditorium.

There are a limited number
of spaces so act quickly!!

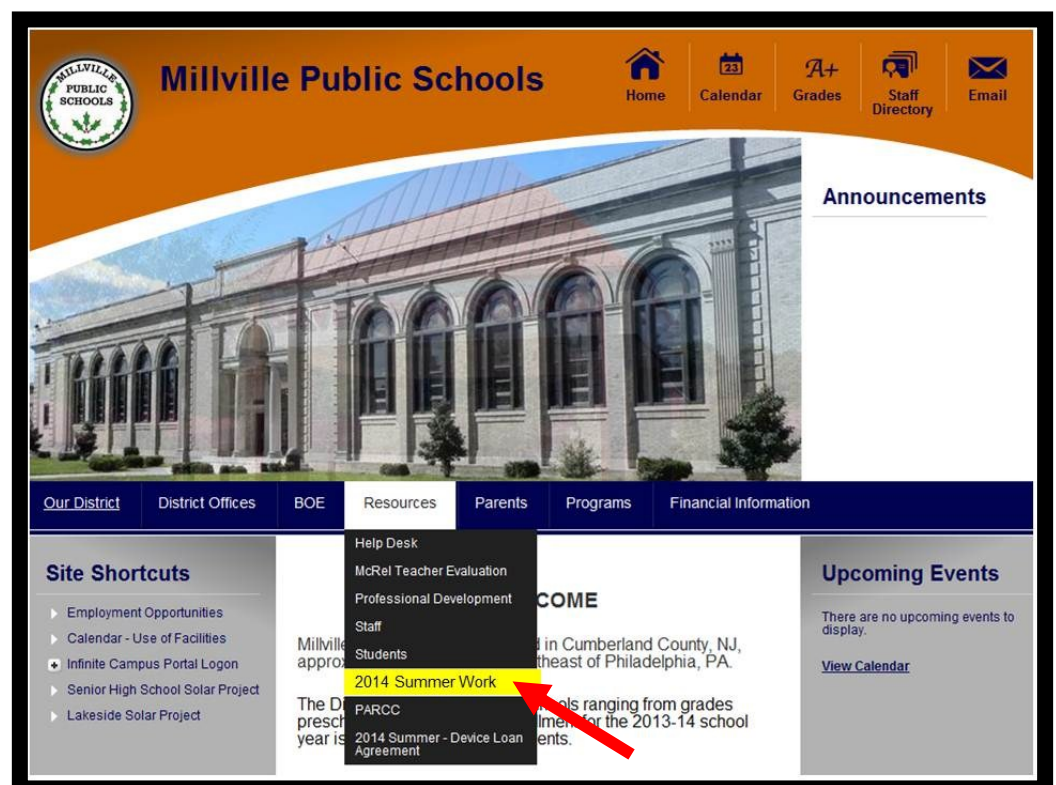
The poster features musical notes and images of a tuba, trombone, and trumpet.

Accessing Summer Work

Access your required summer work assignment by following these easy steps:

1. Visit mps.millvillenj.gov
2. Locate the Resources tab and hover to open the drop-down menu.
3. Select 2014 Summer Work.
4. Choose the subject area from the list located on the left of the website

Please contact Maggie Colina, K-12 Language Arts supervisor, at margarita.colina@millvillenj.gov or Bridget Borlak, Language Arts Department Chair, at bridget.borlak@millvillenj.gov for technology assistance.



The screenshot shows the Millville Public Schools website. The header includes the school logo, the name "Millville Public Schools", and navigation links: Home, Calendar, Grades, Staff Directory, and Email. Below the header is a large image of the school building. To the right of the building is an "Announcements" section. Below the building image is a navigation bar with links: Our District, District Offices, BOE, Resources, Parents, Programs, and Financial Information. The "Resources" link is highlighted, and a drop-down menu is open, showing options: Help Desk, McRel Teacher Evaluation, Professional Development, Staff, Students, 2014 Summer Work (highlighted with a red arrow), and The District's PARCC Agreement. On the left side of the page is a "Site Shortcuts" section with links: Employment Opportunities, Calendar - Use of Facilities, Infinite Campus Portal Logon, Senior High School Solar Project, and Lakeside Solar Project. On the right side is an "Upcoming Events" section with the text "There are no upcoming events to display." and a "View Calendar" link.

Polyvore

By: Kacie Reynolds

Polyvore is a website where the modern fashionista can build his or her own dream closet. Polyvore lets your imagination come alive as you make any outfit you have ever wanted, and you can buy it too!

Polyvore is a mix of online shopping and social media all blended into one perfect creation. To sign-up all you have to do is provide either your Facebook information or your e-mail. You create a password and it generates a username for you. It's that easy! You can follow other users, comment on posts, and like them too. You can shop for anything, from eyeliner to those pair of jeans that you cannot find anywhere.

On Polyvore, you can make sets, templates, or creations. When you make a set, you make a collage using whatever pictures you search for in the search section. You can search for clothes, makeup, accessories, and you can even embellish it with frames, text, and arrows. When making a template, you use placeholders for future use by dragging and dropping so your sets will be more organized. To make a collection, you use your previously made sets and put them in groups. Followers and groups help you get noticed on Polyvore. When you have followers, your sets, collections, and templates show up on the feed. When you are in a group on Polyvore, you can enter contests. People who belong to this group and enter the contest can also see your set.

Shopping on Polyvore is really

simple. Say you find a necklace you have been looking for, and you really want to buy it. Matter of fact, you feel like you need it. You can click on the picture of it and it gives you a link to the original source of that product. Clothes and accessories aren't the only thing you can buy. You can buy anything ranging from makeup to clothes to new decorations for your room. Anything that you want can be searched on Polyvore. If you really need that new skirt from Forever 21, then Polyvore has it. If you want that new pair of leggings that Victoria's Secret just released, Polyvore has that too.

To find Polyvore, all you have to do is go on the internet, click on the address bar, and type in polyvore.com. To find it in your App Store (Yes, it is an app!), you just have to go to your search bar and type in Polyvore. It is free and no purchase is ever required.

Polyvore is something to definitely consider if you have a creative mind for fashion, want to take advantage of others great sense of style, or if you want to buy clothing that is hard to find.



Questions or Comments?

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